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SUBJECT: SHAKEUP IN UIL SECRETARIAT

- 1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SECRETARY GENERAL RAFFAELE VANNI SUCCEEDED APRIL 3 IN GAINING APPROVAL, BY A VOTE OF 6 (REPUBLICANS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS) TO 0 WITH 5 ABSTENTIONS (ALL SOCIALISTS), FOR HIS REORGANIZATION OF THE UIL SECRETARIAT.
- 2. IN THE NEW LINEUP, THE UIL NATIONAL SECRETARIES HAVE THE FOLLOW-ING AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, GINO MANFRON (PSI), RUGGERO RAVENNA (PSI) AND GILDO MUCI (PSDI) IN A SPOT FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY RAVENNA ALONE; RESEARCH AND REFORM, VICENZO BERTELETTI (PSI), ARIDE ROSSI (PRI) AND LUCIANO RUFINO (PSI), IN THE SLOT FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY RUFINO ALONE; ORGANIZATION, LINO RAVECCA (PSDI) IN PLACE OF MUCI AND BENEVENTO; ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP, OLINTO TORDA (PSI), FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY TORDA AND RAVECCA. IN TWO NEW SLOTS, PINO QUERENGHI (PRI) BECOMES RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND CAMILLO BENEVENTO (PSI BECOMES RESPONSIBLE FOR GENERAL AFFAIRS, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND LEISURE TIME.

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3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: THE NET EFFECT OF THIS

RE-SHUFFLING IS TO REDUCE THE INFLUENCE OF THE SOCIALISTS AND ENHANCE THE CLOUT OF THE REPUBLICANS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. VANNI HAS BEEN ABLE TO RAM THIS THROUGH BECAUSE THE REPUBLICANS, IN PARTICULAR, GAINED MEMBERSHIP AT THE EXPENSE OF THE SOCIALISTS DURING THE YEAR-END RENEWAL OF UNION MEMBERSHIP BY UIL MEMBERS. THUS, ANY MURMUR FROM THE SOCIALISTS AND VANNI WOULD CALL AN EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS WHICH WOULD REARRANGE THE INTERNAL UIL POWER RELATIONSHIPS. IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SHIFTS, BENEVENTO HAD LOUDLY RESIGNED FROM THE SECRETARIAT, CAREFULLY REFRAINING, HOWEVER, FROM HANDING IN HIS RESIGNATION IN WRITTEN FORM. WHEN HIS ACTION CREATED NO REACTION, HE QUIETLY WITHDREW IT AND SOMWHAT MEEKLY ACCEPTED THE NEW PORTFOLIO WHICH IS THE LEAST INFLUENTIAL OF THOSE ON THE SECRETARIAT. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BEAUDRY

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